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- 25X1 1. [] Talked with Glenn Smith and made arrangements for [] to brief him tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 P. M. on the Chinese nuclear program in order that Colonel Smith will be in position to appropriately inform Senator Stennis, Chairman, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee.
- 25X1 2. [] Talked with Mr. Blandford in connection with the request from the House Select Committee on Government Research for completion of a questionnaire on methods and systems for providing security clearances. Blandford confirmed that it is anticipated this Committee will not be reconstituted in the 87th Congress. It is a fact that the Chairman, Carl Elliott, is defeated in the primary and will not be returning to Congress. Blandford foresaw the classification difficulties in attempting to respond and suggested we respond with a polite "no."
- 25X1 3. [] Talked with Boyd Crawford, Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee, in connection with the alleged briefing by Secretary Rusk of members of House Foreign Affairs on the Chinese nuclear explosion. Crawford confirmed there was such a briefing on Tuesday with Hays, Gallagher, McDowell and Fraser being present. From the staff were Crawford and Pat Holt, Acting Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Crawford indicated that the Secretary of State gave a very detailed briefing and repeatedly cautioned the members on the sensitivity and the reasons for classification. After McDowell's news conference, Hays was very concerned and in addition to reported press comments stated publicly to the effect that with the ChiComs having enemies such as Congressman McDowell they did not need any friends. Crawford stated the Chairman, Dr. Morgan, upon being advised of McDowell's press conference was most concerned and indicated that corrective steps will be necessary prior to the next Congress. Crawford also added that there is tentatively scheduled an additional briefing today at 5:00 P. M. to include Congressmen Barry, Frelinghuysen, and Broomfield. Also it is planned that the Department will send someone to brief Congressman Adair in his home district. (All of this was passed to Mr. Elder for the Director.)

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